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1. On 3 September 1947 a secret Soviet Army Order was read out by Divisional Commanders to all Soviet Army Officers in the Russian Zone, down to the rank of major inclusive.
2. This order castigated the Soviet Officer Corps for lack of revolutionary spirit, deviation from the official "Party" line, receptivity to capitalist and anti-Semitic tendencies, and signs of corruption and speculation. Reference was made to many cases of sabotage and desertion. Officers were ordered to carry out their military duties more efficiently, at the same time doing all in their power to imbue both officers and men under their command with Communist and revolutionary spirit. Any active or passive resistance to this policy would be severely punished. Relations with the German population should be restricted to the minimum necessary.
3. Reference was also made to the major attack being prepared against Communism by International Capitalism, Churchill and Truman being named as the chief exponents of the expected offensive.
4. It is reported that the following incidents were directly responsible for this order:
  - a. Kaliningrad (Königsberg) The arrest and apparently immediate execution of eighteen officers and four enlisted men on a charge of "counter-revolutionary activity and betrayal of military secrets." (June 1947).
  - b. Dresden The arrest of eleven officers, including two staff officers, on a charge of conspiracy with Polish anti-Russian circles. Fate unknown. (June 1947)
  - c. Berlin The arrest of about fifty officers and men suspected of anti-Russian activity in conjunction with German and American elements. (July 1947).
  - d. Dresden, Altenburg, and Gorkitz The arrest of some one-hundred and fifty officers, including twenty senior officers, on a charge of anti-Communist outlook, sabotage and speculation. All were transported to Kiev. (August 1947).

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- e. Between 10 April and the end of August 1947 one hundred and four officers, including three regimental commanders and thirty-two staff officers, were arrested for embezzlement to the detriment of the Soviet Army.

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